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1. [] AND COS SANTIAGO TOURED HORIZON 18 DEC.

THERE NO UNPLEASANT SURPRISES. (THUS FAR) AND LONG-STANDING CORDIALITY APPEARS UNDAMAGED BY RECENT EVENTS.

2. [] AGREED IT BEST OUR NEXT VISITS TO

WASHINGTON COINCIDE. HENCE PROPOSE REPORT HQS MORNING 10 JAN. [] ETA 15 JAN.

3. AMONG NUMEROUS TOPICS TOUCHED UPON WAS STATION

[] WHICH (PREDICTABLY) [] CHARACTERIZED AS "GRATUITOUS" AND WHICH (HE CLAIMS) INTERPRETED BY []

AS SETTING STAGE FOR MAJOR SHIFT IN [] POSITION FROM ABSTENTION TO INVOLVEMENT IN 1970 ELECTIONS.

CLAIMED HIS MIND ON THAT SCORE PUT AT REST BY []

DURING WASHINGTON AIRPORT ENCOUNTER. [] FEIGNED SURPRISE WHEN TOLD [] SUBMITTED AT HQS REQUEST.

4. COS REITERATED THAT NEITHER HQS NOR STATION AT ALL INTERESTED IN BROADENING OF [] MANDATE.

IN ANY CASE, STATION WOULD HARDLY USE CIRCUITOUS

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[REDACTED] APPROACH TO MAKE KNOWN TO [REDACTED] CHANGES IN STATION ESTIMATE OF ADEQUACY [REDACTED] MANDATE. ALSO, [REDACTED] WOULD BE FIRST TO KNOW SHOULD STATION FEEL UNDULY RESTRAINED. FINALLY, IT MOST UNLIKELY HQS WILL BE FOUND AMENABLE TO ANY FURTHER MODIFICATIONS UNLESS FULLY CONCURRED IN BY [REDACTED] (AND EVEN THEN MIGHT REACT NEGATIVELY). THIS NOTWITHSTANDING WASHINGTON GETTOGETHER WOULD SERVE TO underscore THAT, BETWEEN NOW AND '70 ELECTIONS, PERFECT UNDERSTANDING OF STATION'S ROLE WILL CONTINUE TO PREVAIL AND STATION/ [REDACTED] DESPITE DIFFERING ESTIMATES OF SITUATION, WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN PERFECT TANDEM.

5. TOPIC OF CURTAILMENT OF REPORTING NOT BROACHED BY [REDACTED]. HOWEVER, HIS BASIC POSITION UNCHANGED: SINCE NO [REDACTED] ACTION IN CHILE CONTEMPLATED, INFORMATION RQMTS MINIMAL.

6. DISCOUNTING [REDACTED] PROPENSITY TO OVERESTIMATE OWN ROLE, STA INCLINED TO BELIEVE HE WILL TELL FREI THAT CHILE CAN HENCEFORTH CONSIDER HERSELF TRULY FREE AND INDEPENDENT AND ALL THAT ENTAILS. GATHER [REDACTED]

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GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE ON HOW TO BREAK GOOD NEWS. ALSO
GATHER HE LOADED FOR BEAR.

7. RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] REAFFIRMATION OF [REDACTED]
CHARTER. PROMISED HIM DETAILED [REDACTED] BRIEFING TO
DISPEL, MAYBE ERRONEOUS, NOTION THAT HIS AND STATION'S
CONCEPT INCONGRUENT OR AT VARIANCE WITH [REDACTED]
SUBMISSIONS.

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED] VOICED DEEP CONCERN OVER OWN ROLE IN
CHILE AND CASTING ABOUT FOR IDEAS HOW TO KEEP SELF
USEFULLY OCCUPIED.

[REDACTED]

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10. SUGGEST HQS CONSIDER STIMULATING S.N.E. IN
ANSWER TO QUESTION WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT VITAL
UNITED STATES SECURITY INTERESTS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE
ARE LIABLE TO BE DAMAGED BY VICTORY IN 1970.

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